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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have submitted this Request for Continued Examination so that the Examiner may consider the alternate claims as modified herein.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the prior art rejections set forth by the Examiner under 35 USC sections 102 and 103. Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art references of record fail to either teach or suggest the subject matter of the claims as modified herein. Applicants submit that the modified claims are patentably distinct over the prior art references of record cited by the Examiner.

More specifically, Applicants have modified the independent claims to highlight the distinctions between the present invention and the prior art directed to the features of the invention related to the transfer of heat energy from a separate electronic device that is powered by an output from the fuel cell. Applicants note that the primary Leboe reference merely describes taking heat from different portions of the fuel cell but not from devices that are separate from the fuel cell such as a computer CPU of a PC or laptop that is powered by the fuel cell. In particular, Applicants have modified the claims to additionally require that: the electronic device is a device that operates separately from the fuel cell and receives electrical energy from the fuel cell and provides heat energy to the fuel cell that is derived from the electrical energy provided by the fuel cell.

Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art references of record cited by the Examiner fail to either teach or suggest the subject matter of the invention as now specified wherein heat from devices that are powered by a fuel cell that operate separately from the fuel cell also provide heat energy back to the

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fuel cell. Applicants submit that neither Leboe nor any other reference of record teaches or suggests this advance in the art.

Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, Applicant's respectfully submit that all claims now stand in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3891.

Respectfully submitted,

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